

REMARKS

The interview with examiner Larson on October 9, 2003 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's summary of the interview is correct. The prior art of record was discussed and it was agreed that the present amendments to the claims avoid the prior art of record at least because the prior art does not teach or suggest a stainless steel panel having protrusions formed as recited in claims 1, 9 and 17.

This amendment amends claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 17 and 18 and adds new claims 23-25. Claims 11 and 19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claim 23 recites a stainless steel aquatic component having protrusions and is, at least for this reason, allowable over the prior art of record. New claims 24-25 depend from claim 23 and are likewise allowable. For the above-noted reasons, allowance of the present application is, respectfully, requested.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any outstanding issues or concerns so that allowance of the present application may be expedited.

A petition for a three-month extension of time and a check for the fee therefore is included with this amendment. A check for \$51 for one additional independent claim and one additional claim is included with this amendment. It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (6415-68384).

Respectfully submitted,
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